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DID YOU KNOW...?

Gang warfare ruled the streets of Chicago during the late 1920s, as chief gangster Al Capone sought to consolidate control by eliminating his rivals in the illegal trades of bootlegging, gambling and prostitution. This rash of gang violence reached its bloody climax in a garage on the city's North Side on February 14, 1929, when seven men associated with the Irish gangster George "Bugs" Moran, one of Capone's longtime enemies, were shot to death by several men dressed as policemen. The St. Valentine's Day Massacre, as it was known, was never officially linked to Capone, but he was generally considered to have been responsible for the murders.

HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY!

Hi

Just a few things.

1. If you have not paid your dues please do so. You can give your check or cash to Barbara Christopher.
2. If you have any suggestions for future speakers/programs please let Kristi know.
3. The next Anthology should be getting close to being sent to the publisher. Hopefully Carolyn will have an update for us this month.
4. If you have any notices of upcoming book releases please forward them to me at juanitah03@aol.com with Book Release in the subject line if you want it in the newsletter. I don't always catch the name of the books that people have coming out so it may not get in the newsletter if you don't send it to me.
5. This month will be more of a business meeting with Kristi taking point. Please try to attend so that you don't miss anything.
6. Information about a writer's retreat is mentioned in the minutes from last month later in this newsletter.

Juanita Houston, Editor/Secretary

WRITING TIP:

When writing pay close attention to the way you punctuate your sentences. A misplaced comma or a period instead of a question mark makes a difference in the quality of your work. Remember you always want to give an editor your best work.

Happy Writing

Barbara Christopher

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Love at Last Bite!

When candy king Valentine Heart hosts the annual Valentine's Day auction of his addictive "golden" truffles he sets in motion a Valentine's celebration to die for and one of the guests makes sure he does.

Join us for this original interactive Valentine mystery for chocoholics and a great tasting meal.

Saturday, February 13th

7-10 p.m.

\$38/person

includes dinner & entertainment

Reservations Required!

Contact Phyllis at 901-210-0545; 901-377-0143 or Paappleby@aol.com

Minutes for January 9, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 10:15a by Missy.

In attendance:

Missy, Kristi, Barbara, Vicki, Juanita, Elaine, Geoffrey, Richard, Angelyn, Beth,

Also we had 3 guests in attendance: Amber Lannom, Margaret Neal and Jackie P Flaum.

Missy brought out that we are going to be checking out a possible new location for a retreat this year. Several of us will be going down on our own dime, to the Cottages @Kirkwood in Holly Springs, MS to spend a night to see if this will work out for a new retreat location. I will post more on the facility in upcoming newsletters. It is located 1 hour and 29 min from Tipton County, and about an hour from Memphis give or take depending on where in Memphis that you live.

Missy also mentioned a recent show on Netflix that runs for 10 episodes and was featured in

She mentioned that this could be a topic for future classes for our group.

Kristi presented the program "The Villainous Antagonist" (please check with her for her presentation paperwork if you would like it but didn't receive it last month)

Elaine told us that her book Blood Tide is available for pre-order, and will be available on March 4, 2016.

Jackie Flaum also has a new book out called Secret Holy Places that was released on February 10, 2016.